#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

HBRF, LLC t/a El Rey

79 Potomac Ave SE : Roll Call Retailer CT - ANC 8F : Hearing License No. 124791 :

Case #23-PRO-00055

(New License Application):

Monday July 24th, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

### PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABC Board's Agent

## ALSO PRESENT:

STEVEN RYAN, Applicant CANDACE FITCH, Applicant Counsel EDWARD DANIELS, AND 8F

# P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

| _  | F K O C E E D I N G S                             |
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| 2  | 10:03 a.m.  |
| 3  | MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.             |
| 4  | Thank you for participating in ABCA's public roll |
| 5  | call hearing via the WebEx platform. My name is   |
| 6  | Laverne Fletcher; I'm conducting the roll call    |
| 7  | hearing as the Board agent. There are four cases  |
| 8  | on the calendar today. The first case on the      |
| 9  | calendar is El Rey; this is Case No. 23-PRO-      |
| LO | 00055, HBRF LLC, 79 Potomac Ave. Southeast,       |
| L1 | License No. ABR-A1-24791. This is a Retailer      |
| L2 | Class CT, new license application. The protest    |
| L3 | issues are impact on peace, order and quiet.      |
| L4 | Is there anyone here on behalf of El              |
| L5 | Rey?  |
| L6 | MS. FITCH: I am, Ms. Fletcher.                    |
| L7 | Candace Fitch, attorney for the applicant.        |
| L8 | MR. RYAN: I am also, Ms. Fletcher.                |
| L9 | Steven Ryan, one of the applicant partners.       |
| 20 | MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Fitch, can                |
| 21 | you spell your name for the record, please?       |
| 22 | MS. FITCH: C-A-N-D-A-C-E, Fitch, F-I-             |
| 23 | Т-С-Н.  |
| 24 | MS. FLETCHER: And will the applicant              |

do the same, please?

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| 1  | MR. RYAN: Yes, Steven, S-T-E-V-E-N,                |
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| 2  | Ryan, R-Y-A-N.                                     |
| 3  | MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Ryan.                 |
| 4  | And is anyone present on behalf of ANC 8F?         |
| 5  | COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Hello, Ms.                   |
| 6  | Fletcher. This is Edward Daniels here at ANC 8F.   |
| 7  | Edward, E-D-W-A-R-D, Daniels, D-A-N-I-             |
| 8  | E-L-S.   |
| 9  | MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.                 |
| 10 | ANC 8F is standing as a protestant. We need to     |
| 11 | set a date for a mediation status hearing and a    |
| 12 | protest hearing. I'll give you the dates for the   |
| 13 | status and protest hearing first. The status       |
| 14 | hearing is scheduled for August 16th, August 16th, |
| 15 | 2023 at 10:30 a.m.                                 |
| 16 | The protest hearing is set for - one               |
| 17 | second, let me make sure of the date - September   |
| 18 | 13th at 1:30 p.m. for the protest hearing.         |
| 19 | We need to set a date for the status               |
| 20 | - for the mediation, I'm sorry. I'll give you      |
| 21 | the next available day for mediation.              |
| 22 | The next available day for mediation               |
| 23 | is Tuesday, August the 1st. So actually we can     |
| 24 | also do it on Monday, July 31st at 1:30 or         |

Tuesday, August 1st anytime between 10:30 and

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| 1  | 1:30.  |  |  |  |
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| 2  | MS. FITCH: I'm available for any of              |  |  |  |
| 3  | those dates, Ms. Fletcher.                       |  |  |  |
| 4  | MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you, Ms.               |  |  |  |
| 5  | Fitch.   |  |  |  |
| 6  | Mr. Daniels, do you have a                       |  |  |  |
| 7  | preference?                                      |  |  |  |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, I'm also              |  |  |  |
| 9  | available for any of those dates, Ms. Fletcher.  |  |  |  |
| 10 | I just want to say, we also anticipate on behalf |  |  |  |
| 11 | of the ANC a mutual agreement with the applicant |  |  |  |
| 12 | and their counsel before any of those dates.     |  |  |  |
| 13 | MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, let's see              |  |  |  |
| 14 | here.  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Then let's make it for Tuesday, August           |  |  |  |
| 16 | the 1st at 10:30.                                |  |  |  |
| 17 | So mediation is set for that day,                |  |  |  |
| 18 | Tuesday August 1 at 10:30 a.m.                   |  |  |  |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Thank you.                 |  |  |  |
| 20 | MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.               |  |  |  |
| 21 | Any questions, anybody?                          |  |  |  |
| 22 | MS. FITCH: No questions.                         |  |  |  |
| 23 | MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thanks for             |  |  |  |
| 24 | coming. I'll see you on August 1st, maybe.       |  |  |  |
| 25 | MS. FITCH: Thank you.                            |  |  |  |

| 1  | COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Thank you so    |
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| 2  | much.                                 |
| 3  | MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. The hearing  |
| 4  | in the matter of El Rey -             |
| 5  | (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter |
| б  | went off the record at 10:08 a.m.)    |
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| A   | <b>Edward</b> 1:19 3:6,7   | 2:1                            | videoconference 1:13                             |
| <b>a.m</b> 2:2 3:15 4:18 5:6                      | <b>EI</b> 1:6 2:9,14 5:4   | <b>p.m</b> 3:18                |  |
| <b>ABC</b> 1:16                                   | F                          | participating 2:4              | <u>W</u>   |
| <b>ABCA's</b> 2:4                                 |                            | partners 2:19                  | want 4:10  |
| above-entitled 5:5                                | F-I- 2:22                  | peace 2:13                     | WebEx 1:13 2:5                                   |
| <b>ABR-A1-24791</b> 2:11                          | first 2:8 3:13             | platform 2:5                   | welcome 4:20                                     |
| agent 1:14,16 2:7                                 | Fitch 1:19 2:16,17,20      | please 2:21,25                 | went 5:6   |
| agreement 4:11                                    | 2:22,22 4:2,5,22,25        | Potomac 1:7 2:10               | X  |
| Alcoholic 1:2,13                                  | Fletcher 1:14,16 2:3,6     | preference 4:7                 |  |
| <b>ANC</b> 1:7 3:4,6,10 4:11                      | 2:16,18,20,24 3:3,6,9      | present 1:15,17 3:4            | Υ  |
| anticipate 4:10                                   | 4:3,4,9,13,20,23 5:3       | presiding 1:14                 |  |
| anybody 4:21                                      | four 2:7                   | protest 2:12 3:12,13,16 3:18   | Z  |
| anytime 3:25                                      | G                          | protestant 3:10                |  |
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| application 1:9 2:12                              | Good 2:3                   | Q                              | <b>00055</b> 2:10                                |
| attorney 2:17                                     | Н                          | questions 4:21,22              | 1  |
| August 3:14,14,23,25                              | HBRF 1:6 2:10              | quiet 2:13                     |  |
| 4:15,18,24  | hearing 1:3,7 2:5,7 3:11   | <b>quiet</b> 2.13              | <b>1</b> 4:18                                    |
| available 3:21,22 4:2,9                           | 3:12,13,14,16,18 5:3       | R                              | <b>1:30</b> 3:18,24 4:1 <b>10:03</b> 2:2         |
| <b>Ave</b> 1:7 2:10                               | Hello 3:5                  | R-Y-A-N 3:2                    |  |
| В   | TIGHO 3.3                  | record 2:21 5:6                | <b>10:08</b> 5:6<br><b>10:30</b> 3:15,25 4:16,18 |
|   |                            | Retailer 1:7 2:11              | <b>124791</b> 1:8                                |
| behalf 2:14 3:4 4:10                              | impact 2:13                | <b>Rey</b> 1:6 2:9,15 5:4      | <b>13th</b> 3:18                                 |
| <b>Beverage</b> 1:2,13<br><b>Board</b> 1:2,13 2:7 | issues 2:13                | roll 1:3,7 2:4,6               | <b>16th</b> 3:14,14                              |
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| С   | July 1:11 3:24             |                                | 2  |
| C-A-N-D-A-C-E 2:22                                |                            | <b>S</b>                       | <b>2023</b> 1:11 3:15                            |
| calendar 2:8,9                                    | K                          | <b>S-T-E-V-E-N</b> 3:1         | <b>23-PRO-</b> 2:9                               |
| <b>call</b> 1:3,7 2:5,6                           | -                          | scheduled 3:14                 | <b>23-PRO-00055</b> 1:8                          |
| <b>Candace</b> 1:19 2:17                          | L                          | <b>SE</b> 1:7                  | 24th 1:11  |
| Cannabis 1:2,13                                   | <b>LaVerne</b> 1:13,16 2:6 | second 3:17                    |  |
| case 1:8 2:8,9                                    | let's 4:13,15              | see 4:13,24                    | 3  |
| cases 2:7   | license 1:8,9 2:11,12      | September 3:17                 | <b>31st</b> 3:24                                 |
| Class 2:12  | <b>LLC</b> 1:6 2:10        | set 3:11,16,19 4:17            |  |
| COLUMBIA 1:1                                      |                            | sorry 3:20                     | 4  |
| coming 4:24                                       | <u>M</u>                   | Southeast 2:10                 | 5  |
| COMMISSIONER 3:5                                  | matter 1:5 5:4,5           | spell 2:21<br>standing 3:10    |  |
| 4:8,19 5:1  | mediation 3:11,20,21       | status 3:11,13,13,19           | 6  |
| conducting 2:6                                    | 3:22 4:17<br>met 1:13      | Steven 1:18 2:19 3:1           |  |
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| <b>Daniels</b> 1:19 3:5,6,7 4:6                   | N                          | <b>t/a</b> 1:6                 | <b>8F</b> 1:7,19 3:4,6,10                        |
| 4:8,19 5:1  | name 2:5,21                | Thank 2:4 3:3,9 4:4,19         | , = == -,=, -, -                                 |
| date 3:11,17,19                                   | need 3:10,19               | 4:25 5:1,3                     |  |
| dates 3:12 4:3,9,12                               | new 1:9 2:12               | thanks 4:23                    |  |
| day 3:21,22 4:17                                  |                            | today 2:8                      |  |
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|   | Okay 2:20 4:4,13,23        | 4:18                           |  |
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| E-D-W-A-R-D 3:7                                   |                            |                                |  |
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